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## Col. Carlton Is Ordnance Motor Chief

Officer Grew Up With Motorized U. S. Army Branch

Twenty-nine years ago he nearly blew up General Frederick Funston while trying to run the first Army truck in Hawaii.

Today he has just been designated as chief of the Ordnance Motor Transport Branch at Fort Benning, it is announced by Brigadier General Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of the post. He is Lieut. Col. Charles Carlton, who has been soldiering for 30 years and has been making trucks and automobiles run for the Army for about as long as the Army has had any motor vehicles.

Enlisting in the old Army in 1913, he found himself the next year in Hawaii where the Army had in some manner acquired an ancient Studebaker truck. Nobody knew just what to do with it, especially as there was no gasoline available in the Army stores. So the young soldier got a brilliant idea, drew some napkins from one of the old patrol boats and put it in the truck's gas tank.

It ran all right but mighty "blew" up the engine. And General "Freddie" Funston was in the truck at the time.

By making a Mexican border trouble case along the Army had taken on some trucks and by the time of the American entry into the World War back in 1917, of course trucks were widely used. Colonel Carlton saw plenty of service in both theaters, then in 1918 was commissioned and has been in the Ordnance keeping the automotive equipment rolling just about ever since.

He is a graduate of the Infantry School at Fort Benning and also of the Tank School. He was with the old 15th Tank Battalion at Fort Benning from 1925 to 1928. He was in charge of the motor transport branch at Camp Gordon before assuming his new duties at Fort Benning.

46 Soldiers Go To Tech To Take Advanced AST Engineer Course

Fifty-six Fort Benning soldiers left for Georgia Tech in Atlanta last week and began the advanced course in the Army Specialized Training program, March 15, Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of the post, announced today.

The group was the first contingent of Fort Benning enlisted men who passed the Army examination for participation in the specialized training program to leave for one of the colleges giving special courses.

Of roughly 2000 soldiers who took the examination and an interview before a board of officers, about 20 per cent, or approximately 400, were successful applicants, according to Lieut. Saldo G. Goss, station supervisor of the Army specialized training program, and assistant classification officer.

Others are expected shortly for additional soldiers to depart for other colleges for the course.

200,000 EXAMINED Col. Herman Beukema, Director of the Army Specialized Training, has revealed that more than 200,000 soldiers throughout the continental United States were examined by screening boards who picked the men for the training.

These examinations produced not only the March group, but the April contingent as well, which will be about ten times as large.

Wife In Uniform Hubby In Civies Reverses Order

War brings about strange things in the domestic affairs of the nation.

Take the case of the Thomases. Take the family of Long Island City, N. Y. Hubby is overseas but wife's still a civilian. Wife is Auxiliary Airplane Tator, a member of the 43rd Post Headquarters Company of the WAACs now stationed at Fort Benning.

Having reversed the usual order of hubby in service, wife at home doesn't fare the Tator according to the service member of the household. She stated recently that after her husband went overseas as an aviation mechanic with Lockheed, she felt that the place for her was in the WAACs.

Now she's serving as the cashier in the canteen at the bowling alley on the main post at Benning and is receiving the usual important duties. Thus, she feels the Tator are doing their share in the war effort even though she's wearing the uniform in the family.



THE WAAC's moved in on Benning last week and old-timers among military and civilian personnel immediately got busy teaching them the routine. Lt. Col. J. D. Rosenberger, Jr., post adjutant, is shown above explaining to Auxiliary Beulah Hudson what makes his office tick.—(Signal Lab Photo.)

## Shoe Repair Plant Helps Keep Soldiers Well Shod

New Service Rebuilds Officer Footwear; Black Carbon Soles Used

With the advent of shoe rationing, public concern for the care of footwear hit an all-time high—but it was an old story to the already conservation-minded Quartermaster Corps at Fort Benning where conservation of shoes has always been practiced and where it is realized that an Army really does travel on its feet.

In fact, Fort Benning boasts one of the largest and most modern shoe repair plants in this section of the country, efficiently organized on a "production line basis" and so smoothly run that it never reaches its capacity of 1,500 to 2,000 pairs of shoes per day.

The shoe repair shop is under direction of 1st Lieut. Ross W. Crossley, working under direction of Colonel Stephen B. Massey, Quartermaster, and is supervised by the Quartermaster's director of supply.

KEEP 'EM WALKING Prominently displayed in the huge shop is the sign "Keep 'Em Walking." Alva F. McGregor, Sr., civilian superintendent, explains it this way:

"A soldier whose shoes are worn or incorrectly fitted so as to cause him trouble in walking is of less use to a soldier with a gun. It is our job here to see that every one of Ft. Benning's enlisted men's shoes are kept in first-rate repair. But our job here is not only repairing worn-out shoes. We also install special metatarsal bars and orthopedic heels in GI shoes according to prescriptions from the orthopedic section of the hospital.

"A soldier's shoes are of far greater importance to him than any other part of his clothing. While half soling worn GI shoes and replacing run-over heels is (Continued on Page 7)

To All Military and Civilian Personnel:

Fort Benning has scored another record! And, in making that record, every enlisted man, officer and civilian alike, who played a part, is to be commended.

More than \$31,500 has been contributed to the War Fund Drive of the American Red Cross. Although no specific quota was sought from Army posts, soldiers and civilians here have set the pace for other camps throughout the nation. And we should all be proud of our fine showing.

Since we know well the good the Red Cross does, both at our Post and wherever the armed forces serve, we gave what we could to support the organization in continuing its humanitarian deeds.

In days to come, as the Red Cross helps our comrades-in-arms we may feel that we have contributed a share to a fellow soldier's welfare and happiness.

To those of you who joined in supporting the Red Cross War Fund, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your exemplary generosity. To the score of women volunteers who aided in collecting the contributions, we all owe our gratitude, for having served a cause which knows no distinction between men, neither in race, color, nor creed.

Our record contributions to the Red Cross attest to our continued confidence in this great humanitarian organization.

WALTER S. FULTON, Brigadier General, U. S. A., Commanding General, Fort Benning, Honorary Chairman, Red Cross War Fund

## RC War Fund Drive At Post Goes Over Top

Gen. Fulton Commends Personnel For Record \$31,500 Contribution

Fort Benning's Red Cross War Fund soared to more than \$31,500 today, as officers, enlisted men and civilians sent the post contributions far "over the top," exceeding all preliminary estimates. In heralding the mark established by thousands of contributors on the post, Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of the post, and honorary chairman of the War Fund Drive here, observed in a commendation to personnel that "Fort Benning has scored another record! And, in making that record, every enlisted man, officer and civilian alike, who played a part, is to be commended."

The Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, which is commanded by Col. H. Lord, contributed more than \$7,000 to the drive. The Student Training Brigade, of the Infantry School, which embraces the three student training regiments, turned in a total of more than \$11,000. Soldiers of the Tenth Armored Division contributed more than \$5,000 to the drive. Goals were exceeded in all corners of the camp. The 53th Parachute Infantry Regiment set a goal of \$513 and turned in that sum.

NO SOLICITING Solicitation of contributions from enlisted men was forbidden by the War Department. But, since personnel on the post have learned of the work of the Red Cross here, enlisted men voluntarily contributed thousands of dollars to the drive.

"The collections at Fort Benning have exceeded all expectations," Mrs. Walter S. Fulton, wife of General Fulton and chairman of the auxiliary of the Red Cross here, pointed out. "The post responded to the Red Cross appeal much more than was expected since donations from the enlisted men could not be solicited according to Army regulations. However, the major part of the \$31,500 was voluntarily contributed by these men. We believe we are leading other Army camps in contributions to this worthy cause."

Mrs. Fulton and Eugene Bussey, field director of the Red Cross headquarters here, are preparing letters to be sent to all units which contributed to the drive.

## Broadcast Tabs Mary Martin As Bayonet Girl

Mary Martin, singing star of stage and screen, is proud of having been chosen "Bayonet Girl."

She was introduced as having been picked "Bayonet Girl" by the soldiers of Fort Benning when she appeared on the Andre Kostelanetz radio program recently. David Ross, master of ceremonies of the big-time radio show told of her selection.

Miss Martin was named after her picture appeared in one of the first issues of the "Bayonet," the post newspaper.

## Bayonet Contest Ends On April 1

Downtown Committees Selected To Name Prize-Winning Entries

In two short weeks, the Bayonet's contest for soldier writers and artists closes!

Although the announcement of the contest was made on March 4, many contributions already have been submitted to the Post Public Relations Office to vie for \$350 in War Bonds and stamps which are offered by The Bayonet for prizewinners.

All Army personnel are eligible to compete in the contest, the first of its kind at the post. Contributions will be judged in the following classifications: editorials, essays, or stories; human interest stories; humorous cartoons; serious cartoons; sports stories, and poems.

30 PRIZES Thirty prizes, with several \$25 War Bonds as awards, will be awarded to winners of the contest. J. W. Thomas, manager of Sears Roebuck & Co., Columbus, has been named chairman of the judges committee to select the prize-winning contributions.

Mr. Thomas today announced committee of the various sub-committees will judge individual contributions. Mr. Thomas serves as chairman of the editorial committee, while C. L. Foster, of Foster Men's Wear, will head the committee to choose the best human interest story.

Lennie Lichten, of Kayser-Lichtenal, heads the committee on humorous cartoons, with Frank Foster, advertising manager of the serious cartoon committee. Hugh Bentley, of Bentley Sports Store, is chairman of the committee to select prize-winning poetry, and Victor Kiraly, of Kiraly's, heads the poetry committee.

SPECIAL EDITOR Soldiers throughout Fort Benning are encouraged to contribute their articles, cartoons, or poetry to the Bayonet's contest. Prize-winning contributions will be printed in a special edition of the Bayonet on April 1.

In forwarding contributions to the Contest Editor, Bayonet, Public Relations Office, Post Headquarters, or to a sub-committee, should submit their articles through unit public relations officers with the request that they be forwarded to the Headquarters for the contest.

Don't forget, soldiers, if you have any stories stuffed down your back, don't let them stay in the back of your head, put it on paper. (Continued on Page 7)

Post, Alabama Notables Meet At Officer's Club

Officials from Phenix City and Russell county joined army officers at a luncheon yesterday at the Officers' Club to discuss the observance of the strides made in suppression of prostitution and the reduction in venereal disease during the past year.

Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of Fort Benning, greeted the guests who included three representatives of the Alabama health department. Other army representatives included Colonel William Denton, station surgeon; Major James A. Kiven, post veterinarian; and Major W. D. Veal, provost marshal; and Capt. R. J. Hamman, public relations officer.

OSVSE RECORD The luncheon observed the record established in Phenix City and Russell county during the month of February this year when not a single venereal case at Fort Benning was traced to the Alabama community.

Year ago February, conditions were so bad that steps were taken to have the May Act invoked, but the program, we believe, might well follow.

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## Sergeant Sets Possible New World BAR Record

Thru The Peepsight

G. I. Summary Of World News

BY SGT. O. J. REMINGTON

THE NAZI WAR machine began to roll once more as spring came to the southern part of the Russian battle lines and produced weather and ground conditions more to the liking of the German tactical methods. Echarov hands fell into German hands after fierce battling and German efforts are strenuous as they attempt to push back the Russians from the lands gained by the Red Army during the winter. In the North, however, Russian attacks kept up.

Question, of course, now arises as to what power the Germans can bring to bear this summer on the long road back to the gates of Stalingrad—and whether they will be able to overrun the Caucasus and southern Russia completely.

Many factors enter here, of course—extent of American material aid to the Russians; pressure that the United Nations can exert to withdraw German troops from the Russian front; success of the Russian campaign; amount of extending that prolonged raids by RAF and American Air Force bombers may have had upon German industrial centers; actual losses sustained by the Germans during the past winter; amount of reserves both of manpower and materiel in Germany; and a lot of other considerations. A probably safe prediction is that the Nazis will lose everything in the campaign in the spring of '43.

At the same time, the Japanese are massing more ships, planes and armies at their bases north of the Aleutians. General Douglas MacArthur warned. And this despite the continual blows being dealt against them in the Pacific by American and Allied air power. Japanese were reported building many landing fields and strips in the Aleutian Islands in the area. American airmen also made heavy assaults on the Aleutian base of Kiska during the week.

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## Enlisted Men Give Generously To Red Cross

Fort Benning's Red Cross War Fund donations skyrocketed over all expectations; more than \$30,000 was contributed by thousands of Fort Benning officers, enlisted men and civilian employees.

By far the majority of contributions came from enlisted men. And rightly this should be so, as the number of enlisted men far exceeds the number of officers as well as civilians on the post. But, another reason, indicative of the esprit de corps, accounts for the generosity of the non-coms and buck privates.

We all know what the Red Cross does for our comrades in arms. More than 15,000 soldiers last year benefited from Red Cross counsel. Several hundred soldiers received financial assistance from the Fort Benning headquarters of this humanitarian organization. And, it is with these facts in mind—knowing that the Red Cross really does help us all when the need arises—that we contributed so generously to the cause.

All Fort Benning should be congratulated on their record in the Red Cross campaign. And, in turn, we should suggest a heartfelt salute to Mrs. Walter S. Fulton, who so unstintingly gives much of her time to Red Cross activities on the post and enlisted the aid of scores of women volunteers on the post during the drive. Mrs. Fulton, and the members of her committee, as well as every woman volunteer on the several Red Cross committees, served our cause well. We thank them.

Keeping 'Em Firing with More Bonds.

## Thoughtlessness Shown At Recent Concerts

In the "mail-call" column on this page we publish a letter from a reader of the BAYONET in which she reproaches soldiers at Fort Benning for flagrant breaches of "concert etiquette." During the course of a recent recital by one of the world's greatest musicians soldiers by the scores rudely stamped out of the hall. It is reported that "about a hundred" departed at the end of the first number.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time that such behavior has occurred at this post. Noted artists have appeared in various areas of the reservation during recent months, giving gratuitously of their time and talent and affording opportunities for our soldiers to hear some of the world's greatest music rendered by internationally famed artists.

As our correspondent points out, tickets to a similar concert under different conditions would cost a pretty penny even for standing room only. Meanwhile, quoting our correspondent again, hundreds who would gladly pay if necessary are turned away at the door.

Our point in short is this. Sufficient advance notice is given in the press and radio of forthcoming events of USO Camp Shows to enable the soldiers to determine whether they are really going to be interested in the performance. If the soldier doesn't appreciate live music, if he automatically tunes his radio on another program, give for example, when classical music is rendered there are varied enough to provide entertainment for all tastes.

If you don't appreciate good music, then stay in the barracks and give those who do a chance to enjoy the program. They and the performing artist are certainly entitled to this consideration.

We are quite sure that these growing discourtesies are due to thoughtlessness rather than to a dearth of manners. Artists visiting our post are our guests and are entitled to be treated as such. Military courtesy is the pride of the Army. Treat your guests as you would your commanding officer or the guests in your homes.

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## Pressure On Prostitution Proves Its Worth

Organized prostitution is a filthy business and the filthy business and the venereal diseases it spreads is a filthy business. With other racketeers practically abolished or on a non-paying basis, we know that the criminal underworld must do a flourishing brothel business, in order to make the road to easy money the easiest road for the criminal's livelihood.

If the prostitutes kept the money they earned, anywhere from ten to forty or more customers on a busy night, so some claim, you could see how to a mental defective, it might appear to be a profitable business. These women only receive a very small part of these proceeds. After the money is deducted for room, board, clothes, drinks, and what not—of course, the "Madame" gets her share, the "big shot" who runs the outfit gets his, and the many higher-ups who are supposed to see that the laws aren't strictly enforced, that these houses are protected, and so on, get theirs—it is easy to understand how little is left for the prostitute herself.

I can't see how any self-respecting community can tolerate such a disgusting business. In some of these towns or cities, where the "pressure" is applied to close these disorderly houses of filth, some people invariably bring out these arguments:

- a. Why not have some doctor examine these prostitutes at regular intervals;
- b. If you clean out this district, you will scatter disease;
- c. When these houses are closed, your daugh-

ters and wives will not be safe. All of these arguments are incorrect. If a doctor examined these women every day, it still wouldn't prevent the spread of venereal diseases. If these women scattered or kept moving, they cannot acquire an established business, and consequently, this will bring about a decrease in venereal diseases. Segregated and commercialized prostitution only means organized crime. Past experiences have shown that decent women and girls are safer where prostitution doesn't exist. After these disorderly houses are closed by an honest administration, there will be less outside prostitution, not more. Of course, it must be kept in mind that there is still the problem of rehabilitation and treatment. As for cleaning out this menace, it can be done easily by legal machinery. Even this is not necessary if the right person says that it must stop, and then enforces his decision.

Imagine how many more fighting men we would have in first class condition, instead of in the hospital; how many dollars our government would save; and how many of our insane asylums would be closed if the right man in every town or city in the United States would say, "No more prostitution in my town, or my city."

A specific example of what the right man can do if he is really sincere is shown by the record of Phenix City, Alabama. In February, 1942, sixty-percent of all our cases of venereal diseases were contracted in that city. After one year of "putting on the pressure", through the cooperation of the officials and police department of that city, there were no venereal disease cases in February, 1943. This is an enviable record of which the officials of that city should be very proud, proving that prostitution can be stamped out, if the right people want it so.

These few men, by undertaking the very important task of cleaning out prostitution, could assist our war effort to a great degree, also protect innocent women and girls who will be the future mothers of this country, from falling into the clutches of the many organized crime syndicates.

We, of the Armed Forces, need all of our fighting men to protect our democratic nation against the common foe, and for the coming invasion of the European continent. Venereal disease hinders our war effort by crippling our soldiers. We wish to plead to the patriotic instinct of these leaders: Drive out the prostitutes, and organized crime, and we will win this war in the shortest possible time.

—MAJ. FRANK I. CIOFALO, Regimental Surgeon, 1st STR.

Keeping 'Em Firing with More Bonds.

On this last fifteenth day of March. I sure did take some extra starch. To declare everything we earned in our income tax return.

Remember, then, when we say, "Taxes Will defeat the Jap or Axis." Our real Victory Tax may be This tax upon our honesty.

"We're a great people," said a country philosopher, "but we don't always work at it."

What can happen tomorrow depends on how we are living today.

The business of the future will make men its chief business.

We once had our barn raisings and corn husking bees. Today it's block parties which make America a nation of neighbors again.

Peace won't follow victory in war. It will only follow victory in living.

Winning the peace means making a peace that won't fall to pieces.

The final war to end war will be fought out in our daily lives—a day-in and day-out battle to end selfishness.

It's natural to be selfish as the devil but not necessary. You can always tell the devil to go to hell—that's where he lives, anyway.

Here's a dare!  
If you'd care  
You could spare  
More—to share!

To knock off work, these days, is to knock out America. Those who take time out for themselves are putting time in for the enemy.

Absentee shirkers  
Are enemy workers.

People should be paid in marks for marking time on the job.

"War is caused by selfishness, hate and fear," said a naval commander. "Let's eliminate these things ourselves and create, here on shipboard, the things we're fighting for."

"Those who travel in pursuit of better neighbors," said David Grayson, "never find them."

Dreams aren't likely to come true for those who oversleep.

War is the same wherever it is—between nations, between races or between the family at breakfast. We can't banish war from the world till we banish it from the breakfast table, any more than we can banish mumps from the world while we have it at home.

## USO Presents—

A 'CHAMPIONSHIP' HOOP GAME, OPEN HOUSE, AND NEWSREEL

By PVT. SHELDON A. KEITEL

Cage fans have a big afternoon in sight Sunday, March 28, when the champion and runner-up teams of the USO League at Cochran Field, Macon, Ga., come to Columbus to contest with the champion and runner-up teams of the USO League in Columbus. . . . The runners-up will be seen in a preliminary tilt, and the champions will vie in the "main go." . . . Scene of battle will be the Ninth Street USO . . . Arrangements have just been completed by E. J. Bargmann, USO director in Columbus, for return games the following Sunday in Macon.

—E. J. BARGMANN

The "Army Hour" broadcast Sunday from the Army-Navy YMCA - USO over Station WRBL at 5:30 p. m. (EWT) will feature a number of men from the 1st Student Training Regiment who were prominent in the "big time" radio before answering the call to the colors. . . . E. K. Askerman, program director, promises some really worth while listening—not that it's at all unusual on the "Army Hour."

—E. J. BARGMANN

Sunday, March 28, will be celebrated as "Open House Day" at the USO clubs in Columbus and Phenix City. . . . Big doings are seen, more about which will come next week.

John Lee, assistant USO director in Columbus, has returned from a two-week training period in Washington. . . . His friends at Ft. Benning should be happy to hear he's back.

E. K. Askerman of the Army-Navy YMCA-USO is seeking men from Ft. Benning who have leisure time and the desire to use it to good advantage to assist him in the staging of the many USO program at the center. . . . Thus far, he has found several soldiers whose talents from civilian life fit well into the picture. . . . Anyone interested should call at the USO center to be interviewed.

—E. J. BARGMANN

The Ft. Benning Station Hospital had scheduled for an earlier appearance which had to be cancelled will be heard Saturday at 8:30 p. m. (EWT) in a musical program at the Salvation Army USO in Columbus.

"News to Date," a 45-minute newsreel, is a popular Thursday night feature at the Salvation Army USO in Phenix City. . . . It plays at 8 p. m. (CWT) . . . Other popular attractions at the center include the spaghetti supper Wednesday nights at 8 p. m. (CWT), the Friday night cake and pie socials and the Sunday morning breakfasts for the men who stay over Saturday night at the club. . . . Captain Bergen, director, warns, however, that if you want to be "put up" over Saturday night, you'd better get your reservation in by 7 p. m. . . . There are accommodations for but 61.

—E. J. BARGMANN

If you haven't already seen "Shuffle Along," the all-Negro musical hit presented by USO-Camp Shows, it will play through Saturday.

## Mail-Call

Columbus, Georgia, 37 Court Avenue, Benning Park,

Dear Editor:

The soldiers are indeed fortunate to have the privilege of having a great artist come to Fort Benning to entertain them.

Last night Jascha Heifetz gave an inspiring concert, and I am sure a great many soldiers got a big thrill. They realized that ordinarily it would have been necessary to reserve tickets at about \$2.50 a person to hear Heifetz when he appeared as guest soloist with some symphony.

At 7:30 the Main Theater was packed, and a great many disappointed people were turned away. Heifetz appeared and played his first number. I wonder if you realize the jolt I got when about a hundred soldiers got up and "clamped" out at the end of it. A hundred came in and took their places. At the end of the second number, two more walked out and others took their seats. I thought the concert was turning into a game of musical chairs! Can you conceive of anyone leaving a hall in which

the greatest living exponent of the violin was playing? It is evident these people attended the concert expecting Heifetz to entertain them by standing on his head or taking off on a hot chorus of "Tiger Rag".

I am not going to say that I think these boys are ignorant. You can't expect everyone's tastes to run to live music. I do say they were ignorant to walk out when it wasn't what they expected.

I am not alone in being thoroughly disgusted with the courtesy shown artists when they present concerts. Certain conduct is expected of the boys on the streets, in mess halls, etc. Isn't there something that could be done to demand a little concert courtesy? Perhaps a little advertising as to what these USO shows are going to offer would help. There is a variety of entertainment given. Why not have "show girl and live music" for those who appreciate it, and have the artist concerts for those whose tastes run to the classics. It is most annoying to have a soldier walk down the aisle with the comment, "I've suffered enough of that", when he had a

seat that some other soldier would have paid to sit in.

Is there anything the "Fort Benning Bayonet" can do to help this situation? I am sure it would make concerts more enjoyable for artists and I know many "indignant music lovers" who would be a lot happier.

Very truly yours, MRS. F. A. HARRIS.

## Eve Says—

CHANGE OF STATIONS ORDERS A LITTLE LIKE DYING TO OLD ARMY WIVES

Orders are such common place things these days one would think receiving them would be a very ordinary thing. They are when others get them. Bright remarks such as, "Oh, I won't say goodbye for we'll see each other again" is a valiant way to bid farewell to dear friends you are going to miss terribly. But what a different sensation when orders are received by a member of your family.

Then you know what your friends experienced. It's a little bit like dying for old army wives. We've been G.I. for so many years. We've lived within the sound of the bugle. Olive drab is the color of our lives. We learned our discipline of manners and customs from ranking officers' wives during those long years we served as lieutenant's wives. Strong bonds of common experience welded friendships that sustained good-byes, separate stations and joyous meetings long years after.

We found comfort in the feeling that our men took care of us. Men being used in the plural sense, for the newest recruit civilian employee in the Quartermaster Department and the Commanding Officer watched out for us as if we were their own family. Maybe that's what makes the hurt so great. We are a family. Sometimes a gripping bickering one, but always there like a strong arm when the need arises.

Now we old timers leave our beloved army family to make our life in a strange and alien civilian life. No matter what kindness they offer us, it will be the kindness of a stranger and not of our family. There will be so much they can't understand. The constant explanations and justifications for our army way of living becomes an irritation with repetition. We

who know it so well can't understand why there should be any whys. The army just is. It always has been and always will be something different from civilian life.

Friends who are still living at or near army posts will write the gossip for a while. As the months pass the exciting life of rumors and gossip will recede. You'll wonder where this one or that one is, and if they received the expected promotion. You'll wonder if Marie bought a home in San Antonio as she planned and if Mary has learned to be content with the small town in which she chose to live.

You'll hunger so for the army you once knew that you'll turn to everyone you meet in uniform. Newsreels of army activities will be a warm personal experience. The sight of a jeep, or an army truck will stir you. You'll listen to news broadcasts and read the newspapers with absorbed attention.

And you'll wait and wait with a patience born of your long years of discipline for it all to end. You'll hold tight to the belief that there will be peace again and normal life will return. You'll believe reward will come for your patience and day your family will once again live in the dignity, charm and gracious life you knew before the world became an existence of torment and bloodshed.

(Editor's Note: This is Eve's "blurt" in the "Bayonet." It is with deep regret that the editors relinquish her to other climes. We have enjoyed her stimulating pen, her vivacious presence, God-speed to her and her Army men until we meet again.)

## Sgt. McDonald's Basket

SARGE REQUISITIONS A WAAC AROUSING THE OLD MAN'S IRE

By S-SGT. TOM McDONALD

Up in office, Wednesday is always the day of remorse. On this regretful day Colonel Swampwater usually gives the entire staff "down the country" beginning with Major Foxhollow and continuing through Private Sawgrass. When General Quagmire doesn't send Lt. Jericho down for a "dressing down" my turn usually begins with the ringing of the Colonel's buzzer at one P. M. (Just when I have returned from a delightful dinner and am in a very carefree mood.)

This Wednesday was no exception. Precisely on time the buzzer rang, and after hiding under my desk for several minutes Private Sawgrass finally found me and told me the usual spiel— "the colonel desired an 'audience' with me."

When I entered, Colonel Swampwater was leaning menacing on his desk, chin elevated, and deep serious frowns on his forehead between his eyes. I trembled with anticipation, hastily trying to remember all the Articles of War I had violated since last Wednesday.

"Sergeant," growls my superior officer, "in the past at our usual Wednesday afternoon 'conference' I have generally corrected your little deficiencies and only practiced throwing my voice in a menacing manner, but this afternoon my ire is really aroused. I want a detailed explanation of this 'requisition' now resting in my waste basket."

"Requisition?" I inquired trying to feign ignorance. "You're mighty right," he retorted, "When gave you authority to make out a requisition to have a WAAC assigned to you? And to top the matter you actually started it through channels without my approval. I want an explanation, Sergeant! (My leader continued in this vein for several minutes, but I shall have to omit this admonishment, since the words he used were beyond my capacity to spell.)

"Well, sir," I said, rather surprised that the old boy had actually got around to reading anything on its way through channels. "It's like this, The WAACs have been here over the weeks now and I haven't been able to make one yet. Everytime I get half an opportunity and enough nerve to say 'howdy' to one of them, six paratroopers and technical sergeant from the 29th Infantry barge in ahead of me and I just can't get a word in edgewise. Besides I'm the strong silent type."

"Egad," glared the Colonel as he cleared his throat. "So just kind of thought if I had a nice cute 'WACK' up here to sort of help me out I would obtain some valuable information for your new book called 'Whither The Army?'"

"Well, shades of Salome, Sergeant," interrupted the old boy. "So all the time you were unselfishly thinking of me and trying to help me with my book. I feel

awfully ashamed for bawling you out like this. I should have known your thoughts were on a higher plane when you entered this requisition. But I'm a real field soldier, Sergeant, I know when I've made a mistake, so please accept my apologies.

"Yes, Sir," I said, greatly relieved. "I always place duty first, Sir—nearly every time."

"A fine quality, Sergeant," added the old boy, "that's the way I like to see my men handle the WAAC situation. Now that we've got this little problem ironed out, I'm going to let you make out another requisition."

"Yes, Sir," I replied, overjoyed with the prospects, "I shall get to work at once, Sir. I can see her now, a nice, neat, trim young lady, about 5 ft. 4, or 5, and eager to learn how we operate up here."

"Don't order one that's too glib, Sergeant."

"No, Sir," I said, edging eagerly toward my typewriter.

"And one more thing, Sergeant, before it slips my mind."

"Yes, Sir," I answered. "I want this kept strictly confidential! Under no circumstances must Major Foxhollow get wind of it, yet, but I'm putting in a requisition too."

"You are, Sir?" I said curiously. "Yes, Sir, Sergeant. I've ordered me a cute little third officer with blue eyes."

With these words ringing in my ears, I headed hastily for my typewriter fully cognizant that Wednesday afternoons weren't as bad as they used to be.

In a civilization where the byword is "anything goes," you can be sure that pretty nearly everything worthwhile has gone already.

The most devastating form of poverty is lack of something big to live for.

A man may be down but he's never out until he tries to pin the blame on somebody else.

Worse than hiding our heads in the sand is holding our fingers in the ears of our conscience.

Receiving no salute from a sentry on duty, a lieutenant stopped his car and sternly ordered the offender to repeat General Order No. 10. Without hesitation the man responded correctly.

"Perhaps you don't believe in following it," suggested the lieutenant.

"Sir," replied the sentry, "the order says to salute all officers, standards and colors not carried. As the windows of your car were closed I assumed that you were cased."

The Marine corps would seem to have established a standard of Jap values viz: 100 of them equal one stripe. For extermination of 200 of the genus on Guadalcanal Pvt. Albert A. Schmid of Philadelphia was recently made a corporal. He was also awarded the Navy Cross.



# O. C. Tells How Father Blew Up Bridge To Stop P. Villa

Ciro Ramirez Witnessed Sire's Bold Maneuver

Though he was only four when it happened, the activities which have since shaped the life of O. C. Ramirez, officer candidate of the Sixth Company, First Student Training Regiment, were definitely influenced then.

It was the spring of 1917, high in the mountains of northern Mexico. The celebrated Pancho Villa's Bandit Army, retreating before the advance of a superior force of Federal troops, took shelter in a mountain pass, access to which was controlled by a solitary bridge, which spanned a deep and otherwise impassable gorge.

Arriving at the bridge, the Federal troops exchanged a few desultory shots with Villa's guards; decided that his position was impregnable, and promptly went home; thoughtfully leaving the bridge intact.

Villa, the opportunist, immediately decided to move out after them and conduct one of his habitually successful lightning raids. Swiftly he made his preparations, and, with a small force of men, he came: thoughtfully leaving the bridge intact.

Realizing that disaster faced the Federal troops, Senior Ramirez, with typically fatalistic Latin calm, prepared to do the one thing that would stop Villa.

He promptly gathered his little family together, packed a few precious belongings, and a personal satchel, then led them to the bridge.

His father, cradled since the withdrawal of the government troops, asked a few perfunctory questions, and permitted them to pass, but kept them under observation.

PLACES SATCHEL

Reaching the other side, Senior Ramirez sent his wife and the rest on ahead, while he stopped and busied himself with the contents of his satchel. For several minutes he worked oblivious of the shouts

from the guards. Then he reached into his pocket, drew forth a match, lighted it and applied it to the end of a short fuse which now protruded from the satchel.

Ignoring the increasingly belligerent questions of the sentries, he wheeled and running as fast as his legs would carry him, dashed back to the center of the bridge. Reaching there, he carefully put down the satchel, then turned and sprinted for safety.

The guards thoroughly aroused, and realizing that something was seriously wrong, blasted a fusillade of shots after him.

At the first volley, the courageous teacher dropped, fell sprawling just a few feet from the satchel. Seeing his beloved father writhing helplessly, O. C. instinctively and foolishly ran back to him, wildly calling his name, then stopped and amazed at Ramirez senior jumped up, and limping painfully with a sprained ankle, seized O. C. into his arms and, with a few words of warning, of a huge boulder which bordered the road.

Peering out from their protection, they saw the soldiers who had started after them, stop at the satchel on the bridge. One bent over it, reached inside, and was just about to shout a warning when, suddenly satchel, soldiers and bridge disintegrated in the midst of the most deafening blast this mountain in northern Mexico had ever heard.

That was in the spring of 1917. SEEMS KNOWLEDGE

In the years that followed there grew within O. C. Ramirez the urgency to gain knowledge, so that he might return and, like his father, teach his people.

This led him to and through elementary and secondary school and later William Jewell college, Kansas City, Mo., where he received his B. S. degree.

He worked for the Mexico Consulate for some time, this work taking him to his homeland frequently.

He then received his M. A. from Peabody Teacher's college and taught in New Mexico, Paducah Junior college, Kentucky and has returned to instruct at Pearl Harbor.

Candidate Ramirez successfully completes the rugged three-month course here in the Infantry School he will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the army of the United States the latter part of May.

Edward Prudhomme, known as "Jack Hagan" in wrestling circles is now tussling with the problems of a ground crew specialist at the Army Air Forces Technical Training School of Chanute, Ill., where he is attending a course.

## Tenth Company, 1st STR, Has 27 Captains

Two new captains have turned up in the ranks of the 10th Company, 1st STR since promotions were granted to L. J. McNeill and C. H. Cooler during the past week. This increased the number of captains in the 10th Company to 27.

Promotion of 10 second lieutenants in the Company since the class was formed a month ago has thrown the balance of power to the boys in silver bars. The Company now numbers 80 first lieutenants and 72 seconds among its students.

Second lieutenants advanced in grade are: J. D. Cunningham, J. D. Hughes, L. W. Harrell, W. M. Parker, G. F. Tolson, R. G. Merck, S. Gilbert, A. L. Saffell, W. R. Kessler and C. P. Rollman.

Tenth Company responded with fervor to the Red Cross roll call, and the Commanding Officer, Tenth Company, announced contributions totaling \$181.00 were received from the student and tactical officers of the organization. The roll call was announced after drill one evening and the funds checked in before instruction the following day.

## New Insecticide Issued By Army For Use Overseas

A new insecticide is now being furnished to all American Army contingents overseas for the control of mites and other annoying or disease-bearing insects, according to an announcement by Col. Stephen B. Massey, director of the Quartermaster Corps.

The new insecticide, which is being supplied by the Quartermaster Corps, is said to be highly efficient, non-toxic and non-inflammable. It is composed of kerosene, sesame oil and pyrethrum. Colonel Massey stated that the insecticide comes in two types of containers, which hold about one pound, and which have spray outlets that can be controlled by the person using them.

Only four seconds of spraying are required for a confined space of about 1,000 feet, ten seconds for a pyramid tent, and three seconds for a pup tent. One container of the new insecticide, according to Colonel Massey, is reported to be equal in lethal qualities to more than a gallon of liquid insecticide, thereby permitting a substantial saving in shipping space and weight.

## Catholic Club Opens Activities With Big Dance

Under the energetic direction of Chaplain John McMahon, the Second Regiment's Catholic chaplain, the newly formed Catholic Club of Headquarters Company held its first social event since its inauguration but three weeks ago. It opened with a highly successful dance Tuesday evening at the Victory Pond.

The multitude of pulchritude of Columbus came in to act as escorts for the boys. They were the Military Maids, with Mrs. Hugh Roberts, Jr., as hostess. Some watched the kindling embers of the pine log fire, others danced to none other than Headquarters Company's own inimitable dance band, the Leaders. Throughout the evening the waltz took a temporary rest, as the greatest part of the requests were for jitterbug numbers, which will never die, as long as the South lives.

Refreshments were served during the evening, finding many a chow-hound in delight and exultation, till the somber strains of "Lights Out" caused all good times to find an end.

Among the guests of honor were Capt. and Mrs. Henry R. Callahan, Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Callahan, and friends of Headquarters Company Catholic Club and former members of the company now taking up positions at Brigade Headquarters.

## SMART TO SCHOOL

Captain Neil R. Smart, lately personnel adjutant of the 29th Infantry Regiment has been placed on special duty with the Infantry School for an advanced course of studies. His brother, Captain Donald Smart of Fort McClellan, Ala., is attending the same course. Other students from the 29th are Captains Ledgerwood, Glaze and Layton.

### TRY IT BY GOSH

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ON A LONG, HOT MARCH NEVER TAKE OVER A FEW DROPS AT A TIME!

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IF YOU ARE GOING IN THE ARMY, YOU BETTER LEARN HOW TO ROLL YOUR OWN CIGARETTES.

TAILOR MADE ARE SOMETHING THE FOLKS BACK HOME DO! SO ENOUGH OF IT!

WHILE THE CAR IS MOVING, OPEN THE DOOR AND LISTEN FOR ANY UNUSUAL NOISES! DRY WHEEL-BEARINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THIS MANNER.

## Well-Known Zoologist Is TIS Officer Candidate

Men from every phase of life come to Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, but the background of Candidate William G. Sheldon of the 8th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, is more unusual than most. Being a field collector of zoological specimens, he can spin many interesting tales.

He spent eight months during 1935-36 in the mysterious and uncharted interior of Tibet as a member of an expedition of the New York American Museum of Natural History.

His experiences included shooting a giant panda—and this in the days before zoological specimens of the panda had been brought home alive. Snow leopards, blue sheep, and the takin, or wild ox, were other unusual animals he saw.

He attended the Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., graduated from Yale in 1932, attended evening school two years after graduation at Fort Benning, and took a special course in public speaking and map making at the Harvard Geographical Institute.

## FOLLOWS DAD

His interest follows closely the interest of his father, who spent the greater part of his life as an explorer and hunter, and who was extremely active in the fields of conservation—being largely responsible, for instance, for the preservation of the Mt. McKinley National Park in Alaska.

During Candidate Sheldon's summer vacation of 1932, he traveled extensively in northern British Columbia, doing specialized collecting for the U. S. National Museum. Most of the time required traveling by canoe and pack horse. After college he was on a special mission in Nova Scotia for the International Distomate Company of Canada. Later, in his most important work, he was a field collector near Chinese Tibetan borderland in some of the most mountainous and primitive areas in the world—where the mountains only begin at 10,000 feet above sea level.

Since his basic training in the Army he has been instructing ski troops at Camp Hale, Colo., until coming to Officer Candidate School.

## Worn Clothing Mended For Use In Field, Fatigue

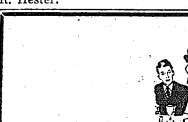
In line with its policy of requiring maximum use of all clothing and equipment, the supply division at Fort Benning announced that all unserviceable articles, which cannot be renovated for reuse for ordinary wear, are being repaired and utilized for all types of training and duties in which the appearance is a secondary factor.

According to Col. Stephen B. Massey, director of supply at the post, this clothing issued for wear in special field exercises, maneuvers, landing operations and other training as well as for such fatigue duties that are destructive to clothing.

## Officers' Club Governing Board Headed By Noyes

Colonel Edward A. Noyes has been named president of the board of governors of the Officers' Club at Fort Benning. It was announced in an order issued by Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton.

The other members of the board include: Colonel S. R. Tupper, Colonel Stephen B. Massey, Colonel James Nostein; Lt. Col. John S. Roosma and Maj. Henry R. Hester.



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# 1st STR Unit Could Be Self Sustaining On Desert Island

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If all the student members of the 3rd company, an advance course unit in the 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, are ever marooned together on an island of any size, they will amongst them have the makings of a self-sustaining, well-balanced community. For just about every vital occupation known to a civilized land is represented in the class—and many an occupation, as well, that during war time would be termed luxury.

Available to this mythical community are farmers, professors, auditors, restaurateurs, clothiers, frozen food experts, entomologists, and exterminators. To run it there would be available the city manager from a metropolis of over 36,000 population, a president of a contracting company, a consular secretary, and a county treasurer. To care for the public safety there would be an imposing little group consisting of a policeman, one prison guard, one manager of a reform school, and a member of a police bureau. There is also an armored car guard who could be used to check valuables.

For shelter our self-sustaining little community could form a powerful team consisting of a home builder, a contractor, an electrician, a dealer in home appliances, a hardware proprietor, a realtor, a civil engineer, an interior decorator, an upholsterer, and a hotel clerk. Between them they could surely concoct some sort of pleasant dwellings.

AND MORE AND MORE

Community sustenance would be amply taken care of by several farmers, a herdman, an agronomist, a livestock buyer, a frozen food expert (for Icelandic marionettes), and a restaurateur. The health department could consist of a pharmacist, a chemist, and a milk sanitarian, while education could be very capably handled by a substantial representation of high school teachers and superintendents, professors,

and a lecturer. Recreation could be turned over with complete confidence to a little group made up of an actor, a professional football player, a couple of Boy Scout executives, several athletic coaches, and a brace of radio announcers.

There would also be available the community's two bankers, several auditors, and a whole horde of lawyers. To satisfy more specialized needs there would be available the services of several brokers, a map maker, a social worker, a machinist, an oil refinery operator, and a miller. The transportation department would consist of an auto dealer and a mechanic. This department being now nearly extinct these officers could be held as supernumeraries.

THE WONDER CROWS

For clothing this class could furnish a department store, a tailor, and a cleaner. There is even a shoe designer present. Comfort could be safeguarded in this heterogeneous combination by teaming the entomologist with the exterminator, the first to call the shots of latter.

Communication being so important in this modern world it will be a pleasure to note amongst the group on this mythical island the presence of a telephone lineman, several postmen and newspapermen.

But lest it be that this group is furnished a military class it should be pointed out that among its members are such militaristically named officers as Capt. Major, Major Sergeant, and as student commanding officers, a full Colonel appropriately surmamed "Conquest."

Ordered to report for his final physical examination, Ben Hogan, noted golfer will be inducted into the Army March 25. At present this well-known linkman is undergoing private flying instruction in Tulsa, Okla.

## Candidates Tell Why They Want To Be Officers

The First Platoon of the 15th Company of the Infantry School's First Student Training Regiment is made up of men from many walks of life and range in age from eighteen to forty-three. Many have held responsible positions in civil life, while many others are recent graduates from the universities of the nation. Recently they were asked, "why do you want to be an officer?" The following summarizes their combined answer:

"Millions of the finest boys of our land are leaving home for the first time to take over the toughest jobs this world of men ever has been forced to assume. The leaders of these kids will determine largely their sorrow, their happiness, their future, and in many cases, their lives. I want to help them to a successful close of this madman's conflict. And I pray God I may have what is necessary to lead them, the knowledge and the guts and the sympathetic understanding to lead them where we need to go when we need to be there."

Lieutenant Henry Barnes is tactical officer for the First Platoon. The Company Commander of the Fifteenth Company is Captain Carl Hawthorne.

## NEW QUARTERS

Fifty civilian employees, members of the civilian personnel branch, moved into their new quarters at the post headquarters building Monday. The group, under the immediate charge of Lt. Raymond A. Parkins, is housed in an addition to the building just completed Saturday.

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### 3rd Armored's Piker IV Meets An Untimely End

**Bulldog Challenges Truck's Right-of-Way And Vehicle Triumphs**

"Piker the Fourth" is dead—for the big English bulldog, mascot of Company "F" of the Third Armored Regiment, 10th Armored Division, passed on last week due to the courage of his convictions—not to be rushed under any circumstances although in this case it meant death from a brutal truck.

The most agreeable of a series of bulldogs named "Piker" and owned by Company "F," the late lamented Piker IV had a reputation for never hurrying, although he was once clocked at two miles-per-hour when he was falling a pair of trousers up Scott Avenue.

Although Piker IV was a ferocious looking animal, particularly on a dark night, he was never violent in any act more violent than growling and making threatening gestures at a certain red squirrel who loved to tantalize the canine character.

**SARGE BUSTED**  
Before his untimely demise, Piker ran up an impressive string of titles. He was sergeant at one time, but was busted for drinking beer on duty. He was the officially

accredited mess hall inspector for the Tiger Division, exacting a toll of considerable food per mess hall for each official inspection. He stood most formal guard mounts as liaison agent for acting corporals of the guard—until the guard mount happened to be more than a quarter of a mile away, which was a little too far for him to walk.

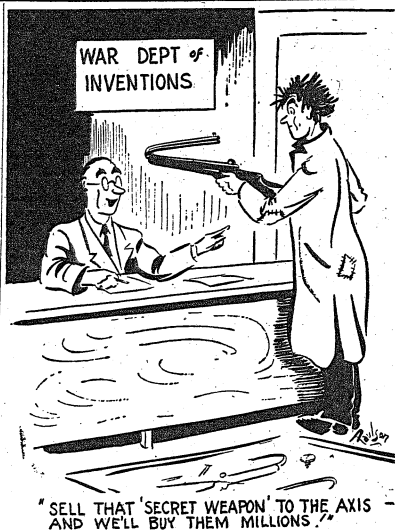
Although considered an enlisted man, Piker occasionally got chummy with the officers, possibly because he considered the Officer's Mess to be "on his beat." His last public appearance, in fact, was a Division Bowl assembly at which Maj. Gen. Paul W. Newgarden, commanding general of the division, spoke. Despite threatening weather and Company "F's" frantic attempts to get him away, Piker sat on the speaker's platform until General Newgarden announced the training program for the Tiger Camp, Piker, at that time, quickly left the platform.

**LIKED MOVIES**

In general, Piker's favorite entertainment was the movies. He would arrive just after the opening of the second show in order that he might miss the rush and still pick up plenty of popcorn. However, he was very careful not to leave just before the picture's climax, for he lived in mortal fear that he would be locked up in a vacant building.

Particular about his sleeping quarters, he would never sleep on a poorly made bunk on one which did not have the regulation six inch fold.

Although wrapped in gloom and sadly missing Piker IV, Company "F" once again is looking for an English bulldog—which they will undoubtedly name Piker V. The company's only consolation thought is that only an hour before Piker IV wandered off on his last trip he ate a hearty meal.



### Mexican Mainteneers Learn Duties Rapidly

**Yankee Hospitality Quickly Puts Recruits At Complete Ease**

The boys in the various barracks of the Maintenance Battalion on the night of Dec. 4, 1942, were learning from an unimpeachable source that these men composed a group of rookies of Mexican parentage who had just arrived from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Their entrance into the Maintenance Battalion marked for them the beginning of a new life, a life filled with uncertainty and new things. Their difficulties with the English language, and their ignorance of the treatment they would receive at the hands of the Americans were some of the things with which they had to contend. It is no wonder their eyes darted around the room and a frightened look appeared on their faces.

**FEARS DISPELLED**  
The fears of the rookies were soon dispelled, however, for that old American warmth and regard for fellow man came to the fore. In exactly the time it takes to make a G. I. bed the ice was broken. Fellows from Jersey City were showing them how to make their beds, sergeants from Seattle compared the glory of Washington state to the grandeur of Texas, and

Irishmen from Brooklyn learned the words to "The Rose of Juarez." The participants in this little show thought nothing of what they were doing. But underneath this little incident were the basic principles for which we are fighting, and Herr Hitler, no matter how small it was, it was still a slap in the face. Little slaps like the one administered will add up and become an upper cut which will knock him and his friends flat on their miserable backs, members of the battalion maintain. Almost two months have passed since that memorable night, and many changes have taken place. Fellows with names like Cristobal Marlin, Jose Ramirez and Isidoro Gonzalez are pulling guard, K.P. and going through their regular duties as soldiers.

If by chance one should hear a group of voices singing in a strange tongue, don't be alarmed. It is just Sgt. Gaffney and his boys giving out with "Rose of Juarez," aided by "Pop" Espinoza and his gang. The Mainteneers certainly have learned to like Mexican music.

### Tigers Begin Tough Program

**Men To Spend Two Weeks In The Field**

The men of the 10th Armored Division last week undertook last week a tough two months training program which will see nearly every man spend two weeks in the field—one in a physical hardening camp and the other in a tactical training camp.

The first camp is the tougher of the two. The schedule begins with a 14-mile hike, ends with one of 25 miles, and contains a daily program from 6 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., with only one half day break.

After breakfast and camp police details, the men begin four one-hour class periods at 8:30 a. m. After an hour of physical training, there are four more hours of classes and one hour of calisthenics. The four hour night schedule resumes at 7:30 p. m. After supper.

Every day the Tigers run two obstacle courses which feature rope, climbing, hurdling, barbed wire entanglements, seven and nine foot walls—while instructors loss firecrackers near them to accustom them to battle noises. Swimming will come later when the weather becomes warmer.

**INFILTRATION COURSE**

Most nearly like actual combat is the infiltration course—a 70-yard stretch of shell holes and barbed wire covered by machine fire only a few feet off the ground. The "Jap-in-the-grass" course requires the men to creep through sloppy underbrush and fire at bobbing targets.

The strength and stamina test has the following requirements: 33 pushups; creep, crawl and run alternately for 75 yards in 25 seconds; sprint 300 yards in 45 seconds; sprint 75 yards carrying a man of the same weight; high jump in 30 minutes with full field equipment and arms.

First men to go through the course were the headquarters soldiers—most of them office workers. They represented division headquarters and service companies, 150th Signal Company, 150th Medical Battalion, and Supply Battalion. But they proved they had what it takes by enduring one of the "hottest" weeks they ever had. There were no serious accidents—only the routine colds, cuts, blisters and bruises.

### Provisional Truck Promotes Many

**Men recently promoted in the Provisional Truck Regiment and their companies are as follows:**

Company "A," First Battalion, from staff sergeant to first sergeant, Clifford Thomas, Cusseta, Ga.; to sergeant in supply—T. G. Harry D. Maul, St. Louis, Mo.; to 4th—T. 5th, George Evans, Salters, S. C.; to corporal, Alvin Hunter, Savannah, Ga.; to corporals, P. M. Morton Sims, Stephens, Ga.; Benjamin Bennett, Blackshear, Ga.; Eugene Blye, Elba, Ala.; Joe Ben Christian, Albany, Ga.; Jessie Collins and Eddie B. Hill, of Birmingham, Ala. and Leon Hill, Hardaway, Ala.

Company "B," Fourth Battalion, announces the promotion of the following: Private Arthur Beasley, Smock, Penn., to corporal and company dispenser; Private Clarence Green, Ballinger, Texas, to 5th grade; Pfc. Oscar E. Mil-

ler, Ashland, Kentucky, to T-5th grade; and Private Bill Johnson, Tupelo, Miss., to private first class. The Headquarters Detachment of the Second Battalion has just grade of corporal.

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### Army Wife Shops In Columbus

**By EVE**

Marvelous days these not only to make plans but carry them out. Look at the brave and patriotic gardening efforts we see about the post. Most of them will be miniature gardens, but they'll provide many a salad and fresh vegetable in another month or so. Then there are the house freshening plans for those who hope to stay here a while longer. And most exciting of all, planning and buying our spring and summer clothes. They're so pretty and gay. Colors have never been more beautiful than they are this spring. They seem the perfect panacea for a heart lifting emotion during these harassing days.

It doesn't seem any time since Christmas. One wonders what happens to the days and weeks that fly by so quickly. In their flight we recall the many things we intended to do and never got around to. I personally can count many who come to get their picture taken for the folks at home. Their mother has written so many times and said "please" so often. Well, before you know it, we're going to be celebrating that American observance, Mother's Day. It's on May 10th, you know. While that's a long way off now, it isn't. A fine photograph takes time. Time for you to make the difficult decision of what picture you'd like out of a number of proofs. Time for the photographer to give it the attention that makes a perfect portrait. All of which leads us to the conclusion that March 18 isn't too soon to make the decision to have a picture taken.

**THE DUPONT PHOTOGRAPHERS** on Broadway. Your mother will receive the picture in you she's wanted to see. A picture that's caught your nicest personality trait. She'll treasure it more than any gift you can give her, for it's a bit of you.

Wouldn't you think California would be satisfied with producing the largest and finest fruit, flowers and everything else you can think of? The mostest of the "bestest" must be a habit in that state for they're now supplying the millinery market with some of the latest and best hat materials I've seen in years. **THE HAT SHOP** in KAYSER LILLENTAL, INC., is a store that's got a suggestive of smart loveliness. None of the ridiculous things of the face of it, but amusing. They have a specific and definite purpose not only to make you beautiful and feminine, but to give allure to your dresses and suits of simple lines. Flattering are the hats with soft straw, airy, contrasted with skillfully draped and stitched brims of felt, in cartwheel and an purchase furniture for your home today and the many tomorrows you look forward to after the war.

**CHILD, INC.** on Broadway have just received a fine shipment of suites of bedroom furniture. Handsome mahogany styled in the 18th century period, this bedroom furniture is a household possession that will indicate the impeccable good taste of the owner. Hepplewhite, Sheraton, Queen Ann Colonial and Colonial are the periods represented in this group. They come in a range of prices, unbelievably reasonable for outstanding quality and design of this handsome furniture. The suits consist of a bed, vanity, bureau, chest and night stand. Besides these fine suites H. Rothschild, Inc., can open the black bedroom furniture. You can buy the minimum needs and add to your suite at a later date. This firm has stock of fine mattresses and springs, but they're only sold with the purchase of a bedroom suite. I'm just telling you this is a fine chance you have to complete a bedroom furniture set.

Isn't it nice that we can buy play shoes without ration tickets? That's really a marvelous break, for many of us have worn those wonderfully comfortable shoes for casual wear. They're so beautifully designed many of them can be worn for dressy occasions. **MILLER-TAYLOR SHOE STORE** has long stressed the place this type of shoe has in your wardrobe. Immediately after the ban was lifted on play shoes they were besieged

with customers and their stock was soon depleted. They will be receiving limited supplies of new play shoes from time to time. This week they received some blue and turf tan Penallo sandals. Wedge heel of course. They are punched for detail trim and are reminiscent of the barefoot sandal we wore as youngsters, only they're smart grown up versions of this childhood comfort.

Another good looking play shoe is the red leather labeled Easygoers. Colorful highlights they'll be for our summer cottons and brief shorts. You may not be able to get these shoes, but if you're determined to strike the lucky day when a new supply has just been shipped, the demand is great, the supply is limited. This store with its strong merchandising concept acts plan and material to serve well during these days as they have in the past.

It's a rare woman who doesn't look smart in a suit. In spite of the fact that it has become almost a national costume, the individuality of each woman keeps it from being a uniform. We've worn them all winter and shopped assiduously for light weight suits. The Patricia Gown SHOP at Fort Benning and the Ralston Hotel in Columbus have just received a beautiful selection of summer suits. There's a white waffle plaid suit with a matching jacket. It's an outfit so smart you'll wear it for your most important occasions. A stunning hat, smart shoes, and a matching jacket like next month's issue of Vogue. Best of all, this suit will be as fresh and white at the end of the season as it was in the beginning. Innumerable tubings and exposure to the sunlight will not damage this fine white material. Another summer suit version is a gingham plaid dress of blue and yellow with a navy butcher's collar. Another in grey, blue and melon red plaid with a coat of light coffee colored butcher's collar. For something truly stunning there's a black and white suit with a pink check. It's a dressmaker type of suit with a peplum and ornamental buttons. A crisp white suit with a matching jacket. Cotton suits of black and white pin check, Scotch plaids and Glen plaid are in the line. They have the tailoring and appearance of light weight wool.

The real worry these food rationing days is the effect it might have on our families' health. We're all quite willing to master the intricate business of points. We've been such a well-fed nation. We've eaten T-bone steaks at the first of the month, hamburger before payday. It's been a matter of money, not availability of food in our fine markets that decided what the family would eat. Our meals will now be governed by the ration system. We're going to depend on this discovery for help in our families in first class health. **J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY** are proud to announce their new supply of Vitamins, which contain Vitamins A, C, D and 3 essential B complex, together with iron, phosphorus and iron, are contained in Vitamins. You can purchase them in the food stores section in a medium size as well as a large family size.

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### Infantry School Range Officer Is Lt. Colonel

The recent promotion of Lieut. Col. Lewis A. Minichiello has been announced at the Infantry School. He holds the responsible position of range officer which includes all types of construction and maintenance of firing ranges and related problems.

He received his B. S. degree in 1926 from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire. While at the university, he was active in the Rifle Club and a member of the Rifle and Pistol team.

Lieut. Col. Minichiello was first commissioned as a second lieutenant in the reserves in 1926. Upon graduation from the university, he was connected with the United States Forest Service in construction work and later became a company commander in the C. C. C. in the First Corps area.

He was called to active duty on April 22, 1941, in the rank of captain, and served with the 1st Division, 18th Infantry at Fort Devens, Mass., until he was ordered to attend the Company Commander's Course at the Infantry School in June, 1941. Upon completion of this course, Col. Minichiello served for a short time as a company commander and was appointed to this present position in the fall of 1941. In March, 1942, he was promoted to the rank of major.

**CAPTAIN LOGAN**  
Lt. Byrl C. Logan, of the First Student Training Regiment was recently promoted to the rank of captain. It was announced by Colonel Thomas R. Gibson, regimental commander, Captain Logan is a graduate of the University of Tennessee where, for four years, he was the outstanding star of that school's basketball and track teams.

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## Nursery School Fees Reduced

Flat Rate of \$6 Per Month Assessed

By KATHERINE HAMMARGREN  
Reduction of tuition fees for the Fort Benning Nursery school to a flat fee of \$6 a month for each child, effective April 1, has been made possible by the success of the benefit bridge held Tuesday in the Officers' club. It is hoped that the small fee will bring an increase in enrollment, thus augmenting the usefulness of the school and saving more mothers for important war tasks.

The Nursery school, sponsored by the Women's club, is open to all officers' children of pre-school age. It is held every morning except Sunday from 8:30 to 11:45 a. m. at 601 Madden Avenue under the capable direction of Mrs. Horatio C. Mason, full time supervisor, and a group of volunteer workers.

Children are given a medical inspection twice weekly by a registered nurse, and a ration book for fruit juices is being arranged. Small toys play happily indoors with crayons, points, and a variety of toys or outdoors in the sand-box, slides and jungle gym. This is followed by a short rest period.

Rebates on the tuition fee will be made if a child is out of school for half the month because of illness. If notification of the child's illness has been made. For those wishing to leave their children for only an occasional morning, there is a charge of fifty cents a morning.

Plans are underway for an afternoon session of the school, when arrangements for supervised playground are completed. It is also hoped that a piano may be procured, either through a donation or for a reasonable price. At the present time records are played to an enraptured audience during the music period. A system of pooling rides is now being worked out among mothers to avoid too much strain on the family car.

All parents wishing to enroll children may do so by phoning Mrs. W. T. S. Military Academy, in charge of finances, at 2755.

## 3rd STR Unit Is 100% In Bonds, Red Cross Drive

Members of Company "E" of the Second Student Training Regiment, have signed their determination to be 100 per cent in everything.

During the "C" Pay preservation drive for War Bonds the company, commanded by First Lieutenant Jack D. West, subscribed 100 per cent.

Now, during Red Cross War Fund, the entire company has voluntarily contributed and despite the fact that enlisted men are not being asked for pledges or donations, the average was more than a dollar per man.

Lieutenant West who also serves as bond officer, insurance officer, mess officer, supply officer and bond officer to name but a few of his additional duties, now is staging a campaign to reach 100 per cent in insurance for his company.

## 23 Lieutenants, Second Regiment, Get Silver Bars

Twenty-three lieutenants in the Second Student Training Regiment changed their gold bars to silver last week.

The new 1st lieutenants, announced by regimental headquarters, are as follows:

Lt. George W. Allsop, 2nd Co.; Garland D. Anderson, 29th Co.; Vance M. Caskey, 8th Co.; George W. Duncan, Jr., 9th Co.; Frank H. Fife, 3rd Co.; William N. Flood, 19th Co.; Freeman F. Gage, 11th Co.; Clyde E. Glass, 1st Co.; George J. Hucherson, 20th Co.; Russell C. Loppa, 29th Co.; David B. Lovejoy, 14th Co.

Lt. Albert S. Madding, 18th Co.; Weldon C. McBride, 16th Co.; Thomas B. Onstott, 14th Co.; William B. Pierce, 12th Co.; John A. Reed, 31st Co.; William J. Scanlon, Jr., 24th Co.; Robert Smith, 13th Co.; Robert L. Stevenson, Jr., 20th Co.; Duane L. Thibault, 1st Battalion Mess Officer; Jack W. Waggoner, 16th Co.; and Runa S. White, 26th Co.

## Heir-Raid

Compiled By Sgt. Peter Lorine  
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**STARTLING NEWS** to the effect that "Sgt. A. E. Skillin, Co. L, had a baby" struck the 124th Infantry recently, but it turned out that one of Uncle Sam's new 18-year-old warriors had arrived. The youngster, Pvt. John B. Grimes of Pittsburgh, Pa., is five feet four inches tall and weighs 100 pounds. He was promptly taken under the spacious wing of Sgt. Skillin, of Sarasota, Fla., who tips the scales at 225 pounds and stands six feet two. The pair is shown above at bayonet practice.

## Original Answer Man Has Fun With GT's

Before he entered the Army, was a query from an Iowa housewife as to whether Mr. Donald Nelson could arrange for her to exchange a set of double-bed springs for a single-bed spring.

A southern spinster wrote excitedly that in concocting an experimental mixture for an asthma cure, she discovered the substance stuck to the spoon. She concluded, elatedly, that she had stumbled upon a substitute for rubber.

Jones holds A.B. and L.L.B. degrees from George Washington University. For about 10 years he was associated with the FBI identification division.

Major Bynum has been Investigating Officer of the Regiment for the past eight months. He originally received his commission from the ranks in the last World War, and was recalled to active duty as a Reserve Officer in October of 1941.

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## Melo Starts Summer Run On March 26

Two Benning Soldiers In "Drunkard's" Cast, Civic Production

Two Fort Benning soldiers will have parts in the production of "The Drunkard" by the Columbus Civic Theater opening March 26 and 27 and continuing each week end during the summer.

They are Pvt. Julian Rawlings, former Atlanta radio man and actor, and Pvt. Jack Nielsen, Muskegon, Mich., now both of Company K, First Parachute Training Regiment.

Private Rawlings played the part of Edward Middleton, the young man who is led astray by the wiles of the villain, aided by a bottle, with the Atlanta Civic Theater group last summer. He will alternate in playing the same role in Columbus.

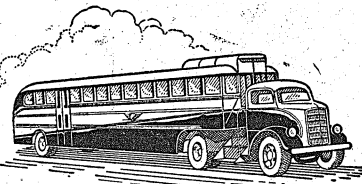
The play was written nearly 100 years ago as a serious drama but now is performed in the "ham" style of the '90's with the villain being his advice coming from the audience, and everybody generally having a lot of fun at a production of the show.

Private Nielsen has the role of a boy who helps track down the villain at the end of the play. The show will be presented Fridays and Saturdays at the Chisel Conservatory, 220 Tenth street, in Columbus.

The Army's loss of Leo Duroch rejected recently because of a pierced ear drum, and will start Brooklyn Dodgers' manager was the coming season a shortstop.

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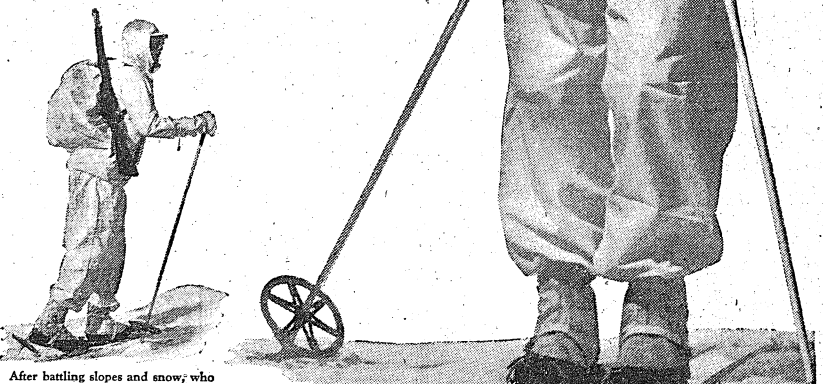
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## Lieut. Stern Made Captain

Murray M. Stern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stern of New York, received his captain's bars recently according to a release made known by Colonel Thomas R. Gibson, commanding officer of the First Student Training Regiment.

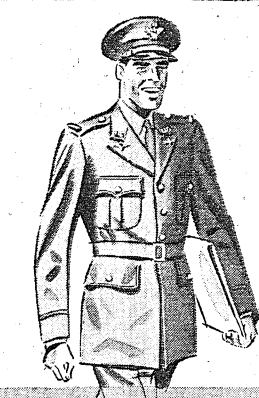
Captain Stern, former vice-president and sales manager of Stern Brothers Manufacturing Co., New York City, is a graduate of New York University and Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Captain Stern first joined the army in January 1942 as a private and rose through the ranks until, as a sergeant, he was elected to attend Officer Candidate School.

## Winners

If O. C. Agies Mikhalakis of the 4th Co., 3rd STR and O. C. Frank Lawson of the 30th Co., 9th STR will call at the Public Relations Office in Post Headquarters, they may claim their \$2 checks as prize money for the best original contribution published in the last issue of the Bayonet.

Mikhalakis won the best original writing prize for his editorial titled "The Sergeant of My Lungs."

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## Sunday A. M. 'Phone Queue Is A Benning Phenomenon

### 'Mother Bell' Gives Candidates Hardy Training In Self-Discipline

List among Fort Benning's more interesting local phenomena the Sunday morning queue for telephones.

Here's the line nobody dares buck. This is the formation that needs no controlling command. Here the stony stares of public opinion would subdue the boldest bus or barber shop cheat.

Time was when an officer candidate could move to the phone booth an hour before breakfast, confident that he'd have the field to himself. But like the inside tip on the long-shot that circulated too soon before race time, everyone has learned the trick. Now the congestion is as fierce at dawn as in the afternoon.

First come the early birds. They arrive at 6:30, unshaven and hoarse, then wonder if it is worth it, how else did you think I'd get through to you? Now wake up and try to get this. My birth certificate is in the back of my cheque book in the middle of the desk drawer. I've got to have it by the end of the week. Send it by air mail. (He repeats the directions several times, get off some small talk.) Well, good-bye, honey. Maybe next week I'd better call a little later.

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"Good morning, honey . . . you sound sleepy . . . well, of course it's still dark in Indianapolis. It is here, too. How else did you think I'd get through to you? Now wake up and try to get this. My birth certificate is in the back of my cheque book in the middle of the desk drawer. I've got to have it by the end of the week. Send it by air mail. (He repeats the directions several times, get off some small talk.) Well, good-bye, honey. Maybe next week I'd better call a little later."

By 6:00 the formation has grown to a healthy column of two—one file of those with calls already placed, the other of those waiting to move to the firing line. The campers have begun to appear.

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**NEW CAPTAINS**  
Promotions of First Lieutenants Elmo R. Struth, commanding officer of Co. M, 300th Infantry and Alex Buckman, Jr., personnel adjutant of the 300th, to the rank of captain has been announced by Col. R. G. McKee, the 300th's commanding officer.  
Captain Buckman is a native of Caples, W. Va., while Captain Struth's home is in Starke, Fla.

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## Foreign News Specialist Is TIS Student

### Osborne Covered Spanish Civil War For Newsweek

A preview of this war was witnessed in Spain by Candidate Walter D. Osborne, of the 17th Company, Third Student Training Regiment, as a specialist in the gathering and interpretation of foreign news. He was in Spain at the outbreak of the civil war, experienced several bombings from the air and was evacuated by the H. M. S. Repulse, which several years later was to go down in the Straits of Ulaeaca after an attack by Japanese torpedo planes.

A native of Orange, N. J., Osborne studied Latin-American history and politics at the University of Mexico and developed a fluent Spanish. He joined the staff of Newsweek in 1938 as a specialist in the foreign affairs department.

Osborne was a member of the Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard when that famous organization was federalized in 1941. In December, 1942, he came to Fort Benning and is scheduled to be commissioned an Infantry lieutenant in March.

## War Veteran Joins Tigers

### Sherrod Participated In Six Battles Against Franco

"Our soldiers must be made to see clearly that the Allied victory in the war against the Axis is of the utmost importance, and that America's democratic principles and her ways of life must be preserved at all costs."

These emphatic words were spoken by an American soldier who has seen action, and lots of it, in the Spanish Civil War. He is T-5 Richard M. Sherrod of the 11th Armored Regiment, 10th Armored Division.

Corporal Sherrod's hatred of totalitarianism became so strong that he volunteered to fight on the Loyalist side during the Spanish Civil War. As a member of the International Brigade, he participated in six battles. Thrice wounded, he finally was sent home by the Spanish government late in 1938.

Sherrod left New York on the Isle de France in February, 1937, stopping first at Havre, France. In Spain he joined an organization comprised of French, Italian, Austrian, Polish, German, English, American, and Canadian volunteers who championed the Spanish Republican cause.

Sherrod took part in battles in Madrid, Quinto Beichte, Fuentes de Ebro, Teruel the Fascist breakthrough to the sea, and Ebro. He was wounded in the first, second, and last engagements. He left Spain with a rank equivalent to equivalent to that of a platoon sergeant in the American Army.

**TIPS FOR VICTORY**  
After his experience, he has the following tips for American soldiers:

1. Have no fear that you will not be able to give a good account of yourself in your first fight.  
2. Do not worry too much about

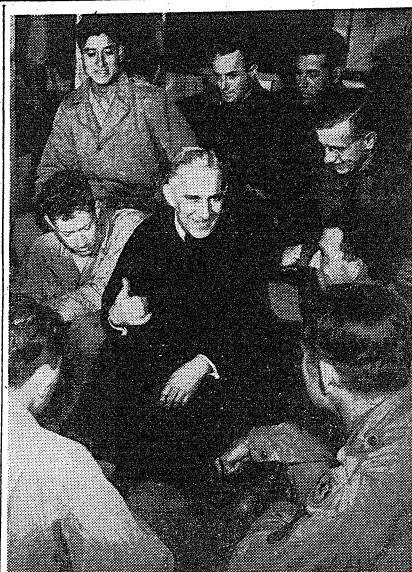
**Cinema Falsifies South Sea Isles, Candidate Says**  
Flowers, fruit, saronged beauties and romantic adventure do not abound on Pacific tropical islands, despite scenario writers' presentations, according to Candidate John J. Yurcheyk of the 29th Company, Third Student Training Regiment.

Instead, says Candidate Yurcheyk, who spent 10 months on a Pacific isle as a sergeant in control of establishing beach defenses, one is likely to encounter almost unbearable heat, typhoons and a lack of vegetation and fresh water.

His group, moreover, had to live on partrons because the supply ship ran aground in a typhoon, losing half its stores. An unbroken alert was maintained, the soldiers several times sighting Jap observation planes and being shelled by a Jap submarine, one of which was sunk in sight of shore.

Yurcheyk suffered a broken ankle while unloading a supply ship but merely charged the injury up to experience. He came to Fort Benning via Fort McDowell and Camp Wolters.

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**FATHER** Alphonse C. Schumacher, Redemptorist Missionary, meets with "some of the boys" as the Catholic mission at the post gets under way. Father Schumacher is a member of the large party of priests visiting Benning during the mission. (Signal Lab Photo.)

## Going Overseas, Buddy? Here's Your Must List

### Knives, Waxed Twine, Glue, Several Pipes Are Necessities

Valuable advice on what to take with you and what to leave at home when you go into combat is contained in a letter received recently by Officer Candidate Gordon E. Randall of the 29th Company, Third Student Training Regiment, from a young infantry soldier in New Guinea.

The soldier counsels young officers about to be shipped abroad never to go into a fight without carrying a Boy Scout knife. "Two would be better," the letter adds. "The can opener itself is worth the price and the rest of the blades and gadgets can be put to good use."

"A million uses" will be found, moreover, for a ball of twine, preferably the waxed mining variety, the letter continues. "Twine should be carefully conserved and cutting of lengths for the sake of neatness should be avoided."

**NO FANCY PAPER**  
It is suggested that pipe smokers take two or three pipes and a supply of cleaners and to purchase tobacco in one-pound tins for the cans will be found usable after the contents are exhausted. A bottle of liquid glue will serve to replace the maulage on personal envelopes ruined by the weather. Fancy stationery boxes are "out" because of their bulk.

The New Guinea veteran further states the combat officer ought to procure a good mirror of

your present military status. Accuracy is the acid test for leadership.

3. Get in excellent physical condition. Learn the characteristics of friendly and enemy vehicles and planes.

5. Make the most of your training in night maneuvers and patrol work.

6. Master infiltration tactics.

7. Become proficient in the art of fire distribution, and in the throwing of grenades.

In conclusion, Corporal Sherrod said:

"The American enlisted man must be more than an expert soldier. He must have a fighting heart and a team spirit which will crush the Axis into oblivion."

The St. Mary Naval Pre-Flight has acquired a new football coach in the person of Lt. Emerson W. (Spike) Nelson, formerly occupying a similar post at Yale.

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## Ex-Swiss Soldier Says Inspections Were Humdingers

If you think the U. S. Army is rigid in its inspections, have a little talk with Walter Tobler of the Third Company, Third Student Training Regiment, who was born in Switzerland and served in the Swiss Army.

Tobler took his compulsory 13 weeks' training in the Swiss Army in 1938 and, according to him, an inspection there is a major operation. "They even turn your pockets inside out," he reveals, "and if there's a particle of dirt or accumulated thread or anything at all, it's a 'gig.' Penalty for this offense usually is a week-end restriction, followed by another inspection."

The candidate is known to his barracks mates as the "Eiger Steiger," "Eiger" being a mountain and "steiger" meaning "climber." He came to this country in 1937 and after entering the Army in January, 1941, was assigned, appropriately, to the 87th Mountain Infantry.

glass with a wood frame and back. Toilet kits with a smooth leather finish are preferred to those of rough leather because the latter will mold in the cracks. If he knows how to use them, the officer will be better off with a couple of straight razors. Otherwise he should lay in a good supply of blades.

**DON'T OVERLOAD**  
Officers, however, should not overload themselves with personal articles. "Excess equipment," the soldier correspondent concludes, "may dangerously hamper your efficiency and that of the men under you. On the other hand it's just about as bad to try to get by without the necessities. Think twice every time you start to put in something your wife wants to add to the pile."

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## O. C. Served As British Army Officer

### Says 1918 Training More Leisurely Than Intensive TIS Course

Officer Candidate Schools are an old story to Candidate Edward Scott, who is completing his course in the 23rd Company, Third Student Training Regiment, learning not so much how to be an officer as how to become an officer in the new American Army.

For Scott already is a graduate of one Officer Candidate School, having been commissioned a second lieutenant in the British Army in 1918. He enlisted as a private in the British Army when he was 18 and received the usual 12 weeks of basic training as an enlisted man.

In the early part of the World War, the British Army commissioned its officers in the field or accepted them green from the universities. By the time Scott was in the service, however, the Officer Cadet Battalion had been organized and these became the chief source of officers before the end of the war.

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Scott recalls the course covered about 20 weeks and instruction was somewhat leisurely, certainly less intensive than the work he is doing here. This difference is mainly due to the different conditions attending the two wars but there is no doubt that the Benning method is superior for turning out large numbers of qualified officers quickly, Scott says.

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## Co. D., 3rd STR, Service Battalion, Promotes 20

Twenty promotions among the enlisted personnel of Company D, 3rd Student Training Regiment, were approved recently by the regimental commander, Col. R. H. Lord. The advancements were as follows:

To staff sergeant—Technician, Fourth Grade, Sherman Spiller Jr. and Technician, Fifth Grade, William J. Smith.

To technician, fourth grade—Technicians, Fifth Grade, Willie M. Ard, Walter C. Arrington, Eugene J. Smith.

version of the OCS, Scott revealed, were designed to determine a man's general grasp of the subject rather than his ability to absorb key information and principles rapidly.

Scott's commission came through a month after the Armistice and he went on to Cambridge University to take his degree and then taught English for the next decade in an English preparatory school. For the past 10 years he has taught the same subject at Phillips-Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. After becoming an American Citizen, Scott determined to know all about his adopted country and traveled in each of the 48 states.

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